

## Babies in the Mill



- Listen to the song and complete with the verb in brackets in the simple past.

I ..... (use to) be a factory hand when things .....(be) moving slow,  
When children .....(work)in cotton mills, each morning .....(have) to go.  
Every morning just at five the whistle .....(blow) on time  
To call them babies out of bed at the age of eight and nine.

Come out of bed, little sleepy head,  
And get you a bite to eat.

The factory whistle's calling you,  
There's no more time to sleep.

To their jobs those little ones was strictly forced to go.

Those babies ..... (have to) be on time through rain and sleet and snow.

Many times when things .....(go) wrong their bosses often .....(frown).

Many times those little ones was kicked and shoved around.

Those babies all ..... (grow up) unlearned, they never.....(go)to school.

They never ..... (learn)to read or write. They .....(learn) to spin and spool.

Every time I close my eyes, I see that picture still

When textile work was carried on by babies in the mill.

Links:

Video + song: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDN3X-WORl4&feature=related>

Lyrics: <http://www.fortunecity.com/tinpan/parton/2/babies.html>